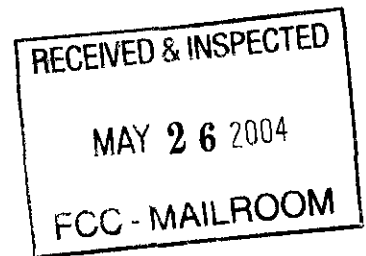


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This letter is an appeal to the adjustment letter dated June 26, 2003.

Funding Year. 2002 - 2003
Form 471 Application Number 294804
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Precise text from the commitment adjustment letter heart of our appeal:

It was determined that the Office of Indian Educational Programs (OIEP) had filed a Form 471 that included services that were duplicated on this funding request. During the course of review the Mandaree School District 36 authorized the OIEP to cancel the duplicate services that were included on this funding request.

The OIEP informed the SLD that the switches and related charged in the pre-discount amount of \$77,312.00 was a duplicate and should be removed from this request.

Unfortunately, the application was committed prior to the removal of the switches and associated charges. Accordingly, the SLD has rescinded the commitment in the pre-discount amount of \$77,312.00 to remove the duplicate services that were not removed prior to commitment, which based on the approved discount percentage results in a commitment adjustment of \$69,581.00.

Our appeal for the above text:

This letter is in regard to the Mandaree Public School's e-rate monies, which are in jeopardy. I am writing an over view for the reason our school did not file with the BIA e-rate.

To began the explanation of the e-rate-funding year 2002 the Mandaree Public School filed as an individual school. The Mandaree School did not file under the Bureau of Indian Affairs Schools, (OIEP). The reason for the schools decision is based on the school not receiving services that the OIEP said they would provide for our school. It took two year for our Internets bandwidth to be increased to the capacity that was needed for the school. We have also experienced many down time when connected to the BIA line. Service that the BIA promised our school was never done, such as coming to our school to increase our technology for our student's use. Therefore these are the reasons

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that the Mandaree technology team went with the State Network that is provided by our State. Also, the school filed for the e-rate funds separately rather than under the umbrella of the BIA.

Up-date on our school today: All our internal connections have been completed such as:

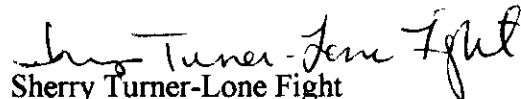
- 1) new switches
- 2) Fiber optic cable within our school compound to connect all our external buildings.
- 3) Filed for the 486 for our new school building

All work has been provided through a local business, which our school has already paid them for our portion under e-rate which was 10 percent. The business has completed all the work and the Mandaree School has all new internal connections.

This brings me to the letter dated on October 11, 2002. With the acting superintendents signature Mr. Steve Serdahl. We believe that the acting superintendent did not know what he was signing when he completed this form sent to our school by the Office of Indian Education Programs e-rate letter of Agency. According to this letter we as a school (Mandaree public) **do not approve** for our e-rate funds to be sent to the OIEP office for their use. As stated above we have already received this service and need the e-rate funds to be sent to the business, which completed our schools service.

Also included in this appeal letter is a letter written to Cheryl Branum at OIEP written on July 1 2003

Sincerely,


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